

5 **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AND VIEWING
SIMILAR PROGRAMS WITHIN A VIDEO SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

 A device that detects and displays similar programs within a video system
includes a memory, a display and a receiver that receives an input stream of
10 television program content and electronic program guide data, wherein. the
program guide data includes a plurality of attributes characterizing television
programs within the television program content. The receiver separates electronic
program guide data from the input stream while the memory stores the electronic
program guide data separated from the input stream. Upon receiving a first user
15 request, a controller compares a first set of attributes relating to at least one
television program within the television content with second sets of attributes
relating to further television programs within the television program content to
determine a correlation between the first television program and each of the further
television programs. In this manner, the controller identifies the television
20 programs that have attributes that are similar to the attributes of the first television
program based on the correlation and displays indications of the television
programs found to be similar.

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